
To Parents of West Sussex Year 11 Students

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Dear Parent or Carer

School/College Transport for All Students aged 16+ September 2021

This information is for all parents of Year 11 pupils to provide more information regarding transport options for September. I want to let you know where to find more information about travel for young people of sixth form age in West Sussex who will be attending a school or a college in September 2021.

The Council's policy is that it is normally the responsibility of parents to meet the transport costs. There is more information on travel and discounts on the council's website at [West Sussex School and College Transport](#). Please see below a short summary of the travel schemes and funding that are available:

Students travelling by rail

- Details of the [16-17 Saver railcard](#) are available via the [16-17 Saver webpage](#). The card costs £30 and gives 50% off the cost of fares.
- Students travelling on the South Coast line may find the Unizone ticket better value. Information is available online from [Southern](#).

Students travelling by bus

Students should contact their local bus operator for details of student discounts. More information, links and how to plan your journey can be found on the Council's [school transport website](#).

- Where schools are served by dedicated school buses, students may apply for a paid for **concessionary seat**. Spare seats on these vehicles may be offered to sixth form students at a charge of **£658 per annum**. Please note, this applies only to closed contract school buses and not to public service bus routes.

The application form for a 2021/22 Concessionary Seat will be available on the 'Paid school transport' section of the [school transport website](#) from the beginning of July. Applications should be made by 6 August 2021.

- **Students from families on a low income**, or who are 'children looked after,' who need help with travel costs, may receive help from the 16-19 Bursary Fund administered by schools and colleges. Please apply directly to the college or school offering the course.

For those students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Some students with special educational needs and/or disabilities with an EHCP may require assistance with transport to college or sixth form. To be assessed for transport assistance, these students **must apply** by 4th July 2021 to the

county council by making a Post-16 application. The application form can be located on the [Post-16 and college transport for students with SEND webpage](#). Applications can be made now.

There is a contribution of £658 where students with an EHCP are eligible to receive assistance. Families who are assessed as having a low income do not pay this contribution. The Post-16 policy detailing the criteria for eligibility is online on the council's website via the link above. If you encounter any difficulties filling out the online form, please contact us via Post16transport@westsussex.gov.uk or 033 022 23588.

Yours sincerely

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